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## SUMMARY OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR U. S. GRADES FOR DRESSED TURKEYS - 1943

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These Standards for individual birds represent minimum requirements for each grade, and apply to both toms and hens with due consideration for sex characteristics

GRADE FACTOR	U. S. GRADE AA	U. S. GRADE A	U. S. GRADE B	U. S. GRADE C
AGE	Young : Old	Young : Old	Young : Old	Young : Old
GRAIN	Fine : Coarse	Fine : Coarse	Slightly : coarse : Coarse	Slightly : coarse : Coarse
MEAT	Soft : Hard	Soft : Hard	Fairly : soft : Hard	Fairly : soft : Hard
STAGGY CONDITION IN YOUNG TOMS	Slightly pouchy	Slightly staggy	Moderately staggy	Staggy
FLESHING	Fully fleshed	Well fleshed	Fairly well fleshed	Poorly fleshed
BREAST SHAPE	Broad, full and long	Broad and long	May be slightly narrow	Narrow
FAT COVERING	Fully covered	Well covered	Fairly well covered	Poorly covered
FLESH OVER BONES	Thick layer	Well covered	Fairly well covered	Poorly covered
BLEEDING	Fully bled	Well bled	Fairly well bled	Poorly bled
DRESSING	Extra well dressed	Well dressed	Fairly well dressed	Poorly dressed
PIN FEATHERS	None	Practically free	Some scattered	Numerous
FEATHERS ABOVE THE HEAD WRAP	None	especially breast	all over	all over
FLESH BRUISES	None	Fan feathers only	Fan feathers only	Fan feathers only
SKIN BRUISES	Very slight, none on breast	Very slight, breast practically free	Slight, not over 3 on breast	Not over 1/4 of carcass
ABRASIONS	Very slight, none on breast	Slight, breast practically free	Slight, not over 3 on breast	Numerous
DISCOLORATIONS	Very slight, none on breast	Slight, breast practically free	Fairly numerous	Numerous
BLUE BACKS	None	Tail	Tail to hips	Any amount
OPEN TEARS	None	None	Less than 3 in. on back or wings	Numerous
SEWN SKIN	None	None on breast, allowed on back and wings	Permitted any place	any place
BREAST CALLUSES	None	Slight (1 inch)	Not over 3 inches, not too dark	Permitted
BROKEN BONES	None	Broken wing tip permitted	One wing or leg not through flesh	Some permitted
DISJOINTED	None	One wing or leg if only slightly bruised	Permitted	Permitted
FEED IN CROP	None	None, or properly removed	None, or properly removed	None, or properly removed
CROP REMOVED - SKIN NOT SEWN	Not removed	Through small cut in back or side of neck	Through small cut in back or side of neck	Through small cut in back or side of neck
BREAST BONE DENTS	Slight - Not over 1/8 inch	Slight - Not over 1/4 inch	Permitted	Permitted
CROOKEN BREAST	None	Slightly curved	Slightly crooked	Permitted if fairly well fleshed
HUNCHBACK AND OTHER DEFORMITIES	None	None	Slightly deformed	Allowed if fairly well fleshed
PICKING	Dry or semi-scalded	Dry or semi-scalded	Dry, semi-scalded or scalded	Dry, semi-scalded or scalded
PACKING	Dry packed	Dry or ice	Dry or ice	Dry or ice
BLISTERS OR FREEZER BURN	None	Very slight	Moderate	Permitted
HEAD WRAPPED	Required	Required, except when ice packed	Required, except when ice packed	Required, except when ice packed
DIRTY FEET	None	None	None	None
DIRTY VENT	None	None	None	None
DIRTY OR BLOODY HEAD OR BODY	None	None	None	None
EVIDENCE OF UNWHOLESOMENESS	None	None	None	None

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